AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A tablet comprising an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative, wherein 70% by mass or more of the components in the tablet is cyclodextrin or the cyclodextrin derivative.

Claim 2 (original): The tablet according to Claim 1, further comprising a lubricant.

Claim 3 (original): The tablet according to Claim 2, wherein the lubricant is present only on the surface of the tablet.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, any one of <u>Claims 1 to 3</u>, wherein the tablet is produced by tableting using a punch and/or a die on which a lubricant has been applied.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>any one of Claims 1 to 4</u>, further comprising a saccharide.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The tablet according to Claim 5, wherein the saccharide comprises at least one is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a sugar alcohol and an oligosaccharide.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>any one of Claims 1 to 6</u>, further comprising <u>at least one one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a sweetener, an acid, a binder, an antioxidant, a coloring agent, a flavor, a diluent, a fluidizing agent and a disintegrant.</u>

Claim 8 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>any one of Claims 1 to 7</u>, wherein the active ingredient <u>comprises at least one is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a vitamin, a carotenoid, a mineral, an amino acid, an amino acid derivative, an active pharmaceutical ingredient, a plant extract and a health food material.</u>

Claim 9 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>any one of Claims 1 to 8</u>, wherein the cyclodextrin is α -cyclodextrin, β -cyclodextrin, maltosyl- β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, any one of <u>Claims 1 to 9</u>, which is an intraorally rapid disintegration tablet.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>any one of Claims 1 to 10</u>, which disintegrates in the oral cavity in 40 seconds or less.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The tablet according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>any one of Claims 1 to 11</u>, which has <u>a tablet hardness ranging from 25 to 200 N.</u>

Claim 13 (original): A method for manufacturing a tablet comprising an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative, comprising the steps of: mixing constituent components of the tablet which comprises as constituent components an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative and in which the cyclodextrin or the cyclodextrin derivative amounts to 70% by mass or more of the total constituent components; and subsequently tableting the resultant mixture.

Claim 14 (original): The method for manufacturing according to Claim 13, wherein the tablet further comprises a lubricant.

Claim 15 (original): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to Claim 14, wherein that the mixture does not contain a lubricant and the process further comprises the step of allowing the lubricant to be present only on the surface of the tablet.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to <u>claim</u> 13, any one of Claims 13 to 15, wherein the tableting is carried out using a punch and/or a die on which a lubricant has been applied.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to <u>claim</u> 13, any one of Claims 13 to 16, wherein the mixture further comprises a saccharide.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the saccharide <u>comprises at least one</u> is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a sugar alcohol and an oligosaccharide.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to <u>claim</u> 13, any one of Claims 13 to 18, wherein the mixture further comprises <u>at least one one component</u> or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a sweetener, an acid, a binder, an antioxidant, a coloring agent, a flavor, a diluent, a fluidizing agent and a disintegrant.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to <u>claim</u> 13, any one of Claims 13 to 19, wherein the active ingredient <u>comprises at least one is one eomponent or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a vitamin, a carotenoid, a mineral, an amino acid, an amino acid derivative, an active pharmaceutical ingredient, a plant extract and a health food material.</u>

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to claim 13, any one of Claims 13 to 20, wherein the cyclodextrin is α -cyclodextrin, β -cyclodextrin, maltosyl- β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to <u>claim</u> 13, any one of Claims 13 to 21, wherein the tablet is an intraorally rapid disintegration tablet.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to <u>claim</u> 13, any one of Claims 13 to 22, wherein the tablet disintegrates in the oral cavity in 40 seconds or less.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method for manufacturing a tablet according to <u>claim</u> 13, any one of Claims 13 to 23, wherein the tablet has a tablet hardness ranging from 25 to 200 N.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet comprising an active ingredient and a cyclodextrin or a cyclodextrin derivative comprising characterized by setting the content of the cyclodextrin or the cyclodextrin derivative to 65% by mass or more of the total constituent components of the tablet.

Claim 26 (original): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to Claim 25, wherein the tablet further comprises a lubricant as a constituent component.

Claim 27 (original): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to Claim 26, which comprises allowing the lubricant to be present only on the surface of the tablet.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, any one of Claims 25 to 27, wherein the tablet is produced by carrying out tableting using a punch and/or a die on which a lubricant has been applied.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, any one of Claims 25 to 28, wherein a saccharide is further comprised as a constituent component of the tablet.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to Claim 29, wherein the saccharide comprises at least one is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, a sugar alcohol and an oligosaccharide.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, any one of Claims 25 to 30, wherein the tablet further comprises at least one as a constituent component one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a sweetener, an acid, a binder, an antioxidant, a coloring agent, a flavor, a diluent, a fluidizing agent and a disintegrant.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, any one of Claims 25 to 31, wherein the active ingredient comprises at least one is one component or arbitrarily combined plural components selected from the group consisting of a vitamin, a carotenoid, a mineral, an amino acid, an amino acid derivative, an active pharmaceutical ingredient, a plant extract and a health food material.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, any one of Claims 25 to 32, wherein the cyclodextrin is α -cyclodextrin, β -cyclodextrin, maltosyl- β -cyclodextrin or γ -cyclodextrin.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to <u>claim 25</u>, any one of <u>Claims 25</u> to 33, wherein the tablet is an intraorally rapid disintegration tablet.

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Claim 35 (currently amended): The method for accelerating disintegration of a tablet according to claim 25, any one of Claims 25 to 34, wherein the tablet has tablet hardness ranging from 25 to 200 N.

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